### AN ACT

## **D.C. ACT 23-608**

#### IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

# **JANUARY 14, 2021**

To amend the Rental Housing Act of 1985 to enact a 2 year moratorium on voluntary agreements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Voluntary Agreement Moratorium Amendment Act of 2020".

- Sec. 2. The Rental Housing Act of 1985, effective July 17, 1985 (D.C. Law 6-10; D.C. Official Code 3501.01 *et seq.*), is amended by adding a new section 215a to read as follows:
- "Sec. 215a. (a) Notwithstanding the requirements of section 215, tenants and housing providers shall not enter into a voluntary agreement pursuant to section 215(a) for 2 years beginning on the applicability date of the Voluntary Agreement Moratorium Amendment Act of 2020, passed on 2nd reading December 15, 2020 (enrolled version of Bill 23-878).
- "(b) Subsection (a) of this section shall not affect any voluntary agreements that have already been approved by the Rent Administrator pursuant to section 215(b) prior to the applicability date of the Voluntary Agreement Moratorium Amendment Act of 2020, passed on 2nd reading December 15, 2020 (enrolled version of Bill 23-878)."

## Sec. 3. Applicability.

- (a) This act shall apply upon the date of inclusion of its fiscal effect in an approved budget and financial plan.
- (b) The Chief Financial Officer shall certify the date of the inclusion of the fiscal effect in an approved budget and financial plan, and provide notice to the Budget Director of the Council of the certification.
- (c)(1) The Budget Director shall cause the notice of the certification to be published in the District of Columbia Register.
- (2) The date of publication of the notice of the certification shall not affect the applicability of this act.

## ENROLLED ORIGINAL

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

Sec. 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

Chairman

Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor

District of Columbia

January 13,2021



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